Systems FAC Conference Call
2 April 2002

1.   Overview of USACE/Bentley Meeting: March 12-13, 2002. The meeting between Bentley and USACE representatives (John Kincaid – Rock Island, Laurie Taylor – St. Paul, Ed Mathison – Louisville, Glen Kato – Seattle, Steve Hutsell – Ft. Worth, and Toby Wilson – CADD/GIS Center) was held at the Bentley offices in Exton, PA. All the parties involved felt the meeting was productive and set up a good dialog and relationship between the 2 groups. Twice annual meetings are now being scheduled to take advantage of the steps taken at this meeting. For a good summary of the meeting, see Laurie Taylor's article in the March 02 issue of the USACE CADD Newsletter.
http://ckb.wes.army.mil/hq_usace/newsletters/mar02/nwsltrmar02.pdf

2.   Update on ProjectWise Initiatives: Ed Mathison stated there are some problems using Iplot Organizer in a ProjectWise environment. You must get a specific version of Iplot and it still only works minimally. Bentley says there is a new release of Iplot coming out in July/August timeframe that is supposed to fix some of these problems. Steve Hutsell reports that Ft. Worth district will be seeing Bentley's new module to link Arc View with ProjectWise within a few weeks. He will give us an update on how it works at a later time. Steve Treharne (Chicago) reported that their implementation is moving slowly along. They have one project set up in it and are working their way through it.

3.   Update on MDL's: Ed Mathison reported that the contractor would be recompiling the mdl's to Microstation V8 compatibility as soon as they receive the money. The SAC has finally received the fy02 funds and is working on distributing the money. Hopefully this will all be in place and completed soon.

4.   Update on Standards and Workspace: The latest version of the AEC Workspace for Microstation (R2.0.5) is now available from the CADD/GIS Technology Center web site (http://tsc.wes.army.mil/Products/standards/workspace/default.asp). In addition to being updated to reflect symbology changes in the A/E/C CADD Standard, this release of the Workspace functions directly with the Standard's new file naming convention. Users will be able to begin designing immediately because the Workspace now launches the correct model file tool palette based on the discipline and drawing type assigned in the file name upon opening a design file. The Workspace database has also been converted to Access 2000.

Steve Hutsell mentioned that he has had some problems with the workspace when the checker is running so he has disabled it until the problem has been fixed. The Center is aware of the problem and working on it.

A Microstation V8 version of the workspace is in the works and expected to be available sometime late fy02.

5.   Project Naming for Standards: Roger Porzig (Jacksonville) would like to know what you are basing your project codes on in the new file naming standards. You have 20 characters to work with and he would like to see what other districts are using to define their project codes. Please e-mail him with your ideas.

6.   HQ IT Campaign Plan: John Kincaid will be sending out a link to Headquarters new IT Campaign Plan. He thinks we should all take a look at it and send our comments up through our IT chain.

7.   BIUC: The group voted to hold a Systems FAC meeting at BIUC in May. Roger Porzig will coordinate the meeting date, time, and location with Doug Moat.

8.   CADD/GIS Center Symposium: We will also have a Systems FAC meeting at the symposium. John Kincaid will coordinate the date, time, and location with Toby Wilson.

9.   Projects for next FY: Although the deadline has passed, you may still be able to submit a project to the CADD/GIS Technology Center for funding next year. So, if you have something near and dear to your heart, submit it soon.

10.   The newest version of the MaxView software (2.04) has greatly improved the display of gray scale raster images (aerial photos) in .cals format files. Take a look when you have a chance.